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### Final Amendment on Use of Lecithin as Food Additive

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**Report Highlights:**

The Government of India's (GOI) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) amended the [Food Safety and Standards \(Food Product Standards and Food Additives\) Regulations, 2011](#), for the use of lecithin as a food additive.

## **Executive Summary:**

FSSAI published [Food Safety and Standards \(Food Product Standards and Food Additives\) Amendment Regulations, 2015](#), on the use of lecithin as a food additive in biscuits (cookies). The amendment is in final form and is based on public comments received during the public comment period from various stakeholders on the draft regulations published on February 5, 2015 ([IN5054](#)).

## **General Information:**

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FSSAI notified [Food Safety and Standards \(Food Product Standards and Food Additives\) Amendment Regulations, 2015](#) relating to the use of lecithin as a food additive in biscuits (cookies). The final amendment reflects changes based on feedback from the public (See GAIN report [IN5054](#) for the draft regulation).

The full text of the final amendment published by FSSAI on November 20, 2015, is provided below and is also available on their website: <http://www.fssai.gov.in/>.

Details of Notification: F.No.15025/261/2013-PA/FSSAI

Publication Date: November 20, 2015

Date of Implementation: Immediate

Products affected: Biscuits (cookies)

Agency in Charge: Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI.

### **MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**(Food Safety and Standards Authority of India)**

#### **NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the 13th November, 2015

**F. No. P.15025/261/2013-PA/FSSAI.**—Whereas the draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) (Amendment) Regulations, 2014, were published as required under sub-section (1) of section 92 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (34 of 2006), vide notification of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India number F.No P. 15025/261/2013-

PA/FSSAI dated 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part III, Section 4 inviting objections and suggestions from the persons likely to be affected thereby, before the expiry of the period of thirty days from the date on which the copies of the Official Gazette containing the said notification were made available to the public;

And whereas the copies of the said Gazette were made available to the public on the 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2015;

And whereas the objections and suggestions received from the public in respect of the said draft regulations have been considered by the Central Government;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (e) of sub section (2) of section 92 read with section 16 of the said Act, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India hereby makes the following regulations further to amend the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011, namely:—

### **Regulations**

1. (1) These regulations may be called the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2014.
- (2) They shall come into force on the date of their final notification in the Official Gazette.
2. In the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011, in Appendix A, relating to “list of food additives”, in Table 1 relating to List of food Additives for use in bread and biscuits, in serial number B, against item 7, relating to column 4, for the symbol “-”, the letters “GMP” shall be substituted.

ASHISH BAHUGUNA, Chief Executive Officer

[ADVT-III/4/Exty./187-O/15(257)]

**Note:-**The principal regulations were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part III, Section 4 vide notification number F.No: 2-15015/30/2010 dated the 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2010 and subsequently amended vide notification numbers:

- (i) F.No. 4/15015/30/2011, dated 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2013.
- (ii) F.No. P.15014/1/2011-PFA/FSSAI, dated 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2013.
- (iii) F.No. 5/15015/30/2012, dated 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2013.
- (iv) F.No. P15025/262/2013-PA/FSSAI, dated 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2014.
- (v) F.No. 1-83F/SciPan-Noti/FSSAI-2012, dated 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2015.
- (vi) F.No. 4/15015/30/2011, dated 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2015.
- (vii) F.No P. 15025/263/13-PA/FSSAI, dated 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2015.
- (viii) F.No. P.15025/264/13-PA/FSSAI, dated 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2015.